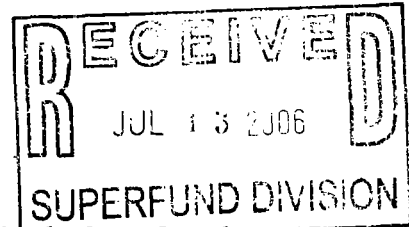


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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to request a Preliminary Assessment Petition on land ~~West of Rockton, IL~~ which is scheduled to be developed for housing. There are four different developments west of the Rock River between South Beloit, IL and Rockton, IL. A total of 1,012 homes are in the planning stage for these developments and are on land that was used to dump Beloit, WI sewage sludge during the 1960's through the 1980's. Since Beloit, WI had a lot of heavy industry during those years, the sludge contained a lot of heavy metals. The plan for the Cannell/Puri development is for 112 houses on 123 acres with green space and recreation facilities. These houses will be built on less than ¼ acre lots with their own wells and septic systems. This land is sandy soil overlaying limestone which is a very poor filter. Private wells across the adjacent Prairie Road have been tested and show elevated levels of heavy metals. Two adjacent residents have symptoms of heavy metal contamination. One has had hair samples sent to a medical lab which show this contamination and the other has lung tumors.

The Township recently had a soil boring done in roadside ditch and soil samples were sent for heavy metal analysis. Samples were taken a 2 ft., 6 ft., and 10.5 ft. All samples showed heavy metals. The lab results are included for your evaluation.

The Rockton Township Board, of which I am a Trustee, is very concerned about potential health risks to individuals who might build on these sites. Also of concern is the possible harm to construction workers digging basements and bringing contaminants back to the surface.

A letter was sent to IEPA Director Doug Scott requesting that a study be conducted on the Cannell/Puri site to assure that there was no potential health hazard to current adjacent residents and those purchasing lots for homes on the property. The response from his office was that they would seal the four test wells on the property that were installed years ago. A copy of the letter requesting the study is attached. To date no independent study has been conducted.

Letters were also sent to Lisa Madigan, Illinois Attorney General and U.S. Attorney General Patrick Fitzgerald. Copies of the letters are attached. No response has been received to these letters to date.

Also attached are campaign contribution lists for the Winnebago County Chairman, and donations by developer Sunil Puri and his companies to IEPA Director Doug Scott and other politicians with influence.

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